

6. Brothers and Spouses: Philip G. Moriarty (single), none; Mark F. Moriarty (single), none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Margaret Staruk, none; Harry Staruk, none.

*Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Nominee: Margaret Scobey.

Post: Ambassador to Egypt.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: n/a.

3. Children and Spouses: n/a.

4. Parents: James L. and Dolores K. Scobey (deceased). Grandparents: W.C. and Viola Scobey (deceased); John and Theodora Koshalek (deceased).

5. Brothers and Spouses: James L. and Janet Scobey: 25.00, 2006, Mel Martinez; 25.00, 2006, Tom Feeny; 25.00, 2006, Bill McCollum. Martin W. and Mary Scobey: none.

6. Sisters and Spouses: n/a.

*Deborah K. Jones, of New Mexico, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Kuwait.

Nominee: Deborah Kay Jones.

Post: U.S. Embassy Kuwait.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, Donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: None.

3. Children and Spouses: Minor children, Ana (15), and Isabella (11) Olson, none.

4. Parents: Lavar Allred Jones (deceased June 1999), father; Corina Ringius Nolting, mother, none.

5. Grandparents: Leland James Jones (deceased 1986); Minnie Louise Jones (deceased 1968); Carlos Fortunato Ringius (deceased—Argentine national); Ana Maria Tiscornia (deceased—Argentine national).

6. Brothers and Spouses: unknown; Lavar Allred Jones, Jr.—no contact since 1981, none. Dwight Timothy Jones/Selene, spouse.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Celia Bezou/Jacques Francois Bezou, spouse, \$1,000, 2004, John Kerry; Leslie Louise Jones, \$100, 2004, Howard Dean; Wendy Jones/James Hargrove, spouse, none; Rachel Jones/Nathan Yorgason, spouse, none; Heather Jones/Jason Johnson, spouse, none; Katherine Jones/Jared Holland, spouse, none.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORKER, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2627. A bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 2628. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat income earned by mutual funds from exchange-traded funds holding precious metal bullion as qualifying income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2629. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide Medicaid coverage of drugs prescribed for certain research study child participants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2630. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Federal grant program to provide increased health care coverage to and access for uninsured and underinsured workers and families in the commercial fishing industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2631. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in recognition of her courageous and unwavering commitment to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and democracy in Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 2632. A bill to ensure that the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act is applied retroactively; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 2633. A bill to provide for the safe redeployment of United States troops from Iraq; read the first time.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 2634. A bill to require a report setting forth the global strategy of the United States to combat and defeat al Qaeda and its affiliates; read the first time.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2635. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2636. A bill to provide needed housing reform; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 450. A resolution designating July 26, 2008, as "National Day of the Cowboy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 451. A resolution honoring the achievements of Rawle and Henderson LLP, on its 225th anniversary and on being recognized as the oldest law firm in continuous practice in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 452. A resolution commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Naming of Pittsburgh as the culmination of the Forbes Campaign across Pennsylvania and the significance this event played in the making of America, in the settlement of the continent, and in spreading the ideals of freedom and democracy throughout the world; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 453. A resolution recognizing February 20, 2008, as the 100th anniversary of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH)

was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1758

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1758, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help individuals with functional impairments and their families pay for services and supports that they need to maximize their functionality and independence and have choices about community participation, education, and employment, and for other purposes.

S. 1760

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1760, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

S. 1998

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1998, a bill to reduce child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 2059

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2059, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to improve public awareness in the United States among older individuals and their families and caregivers about the impending Digital Television Transition through the establishment of a Federal interagency taskforce between the Federal Communications Commission, the Administration on Aging, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and the outside advice of appropriate members of the aging network and industry groups.

S. 2144

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2144, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of feasibility relating to the construction and operation of pipelines and carbon dioxide sequestration facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2170

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2170, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of qualified restaurant property as 15-year property for purposes of the depreciation deduction.

S. 2219

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2219, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare Program.

S. 2262

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2262, a bill to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2408

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2408, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require physician utilization of the Medicare electronic prescription drug program.

S. 2433

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2433, a bill to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day.

S. 2566

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2566, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a Federal income tax credit for certain home purchases.

S. 2580

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2580, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the participation in higher education of, and to increase opportunities in employment for, residents of rural areas.

S. 2593

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2593, a bill to establish a program at the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to carry out collaborative ecological restoration treatments for priority forest landscapes on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 2617

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2617, a bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2008, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

S. 2625

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2625, a bill to ensure that deferred Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits that are received in a lump sum amount or in prospective monthly amounts, be excluded from consideration as annual income when determining eligibility for low-income housing programs.

S. RES. 439

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 439, a resolution expressing the strong support of the Senate for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to enter into a Membership Action Plan with Georgia and Ukraine.

S. RES. 444

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 444, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the strong alliance that has been forged between the United States and the Republic of Korea and congratulating Myung-Bak Lee on his election to the presidency of the Republic of Korea.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORKER, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2627. A bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator LIEBERMAN, the distinguished chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, I rise to introduce the Biennial Budgeting and Appropriations Act, a bill to convert the annual budget and appropriations process to a 2-year cycle and to enhance oversight of Federal programs.

Mr. President, our most recent experience with the fiscal year 2008 Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act shows the need for a biennial appropriations and budget process. That one bill clearly demonstrated Congress is incapable of completing the budget, authorizing, and appropriations process on an annual basis and unfortunately, this is not the first time.